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REF: A) BEIJING 28267 B) STATE 241188 C) BEIJING
28108 D) BEIJING 27998

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2. SUMMARY: PICKING UP ON THE U.S. SUGGESTION (REF B) THAT A WALK-THROUGH, VISUAL INSPECTION "MAY" RESOLVE THE "YIN HE" ISSUE, THE CHINESE HAVE PROPOSED THAT U.S. INSPECTORS JOIN AS "TECHNICAL ADVISERS" TO A JOINT SAUDI-CHINESE TEAM THAT WOULD INSPECT THE "YIN HE" OUTSIDE DAMMAM PORT. AT THE SAME TIME, CHINA HAS ATTACHED CONDITIONS, INCLUDING THAT THE U.S. DECLARE THE "YIN HE" CLEAN OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS, IF IT IS, AND THAT WE SECURE PRIOR UAE APPROVAL FOR THE "YIN HE" TO DOCK AT DUBAI ONCE WE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY INSPECTED THE CARGO AT DAMMAM.

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[REDACTED] THE CHINESE
APPEAR WILLING TO ORDER THE SHIP TO PROCEED TO DAMMAM
IF THE SAUDIS WILL SIGNAL THAT THE SHIP IS WELCOME.
END SUMMARY.

3. ON AUGUST 10, MFA IO DEPARTMENT DEPUTY DIRECTOR
SHA ZU KANG PROVIDED US WITH THE CHINESE RESPONSE TO
THE U.S. AUGUST 8 PROPOSAL FOR RESOLVING THE "YIN HE"
AFFAIR (REF B). HE FIRST READ FROM A TALKING POINTS
PAPER WHICH IS REPRODUCED AT PARA 10, BUT THEN ADDED
IMPORTANT CLARIFICATIONS. THE CHINESE SAY THEY ARE
ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE ISSUE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

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4. SHA REITERATED THE CHINESE CLAIM THAT THE U.S.
CHARGES ARE "GROUNDLESS" AND THAT WE BEAR FULL
RESPONSIBILITY FOR COSTS AND DELAYS INCURRED AS A
RESULT OF THE ENTIRE "YIN HE" INCIDENT.

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7. SHA SAID CHINESE SHIPPERS HAVE CERTIFIED THE CARGO DOES NOT CONTAIN CHEMICAL WEAPONS PRECURSORS AND HAVE AGREED TO BE PROSECUTED UNDER CHINESE LAW IF THEY HAVE MADE A FALSE DECLARATION.

8. ON THE QUESTION OF MOVING TOWARD DAMMAM PORT, SHA

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SAID THE SAUDIS HAVE ALREADY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE
"YIN HE," THEREFORE, HE REQUESTED THE U.S. ("AS ITS
RESPONSIBILITY") TO PROCURE SAUDI PERMISSION FOR THE
VESSEL TO ENTER SAUDI WATERS OUTSIDE DAMMAM. HE SAID
CHINA WOULD WAIT FOR SUCH PERMISSION, WHICH COULD COME
VIA A DESIGNATED CHINESE SHIPPING AGENT OR THE CHINESE
EMBASSY IN SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH SHA
INDICATED THE CHINESE WERE WILLING TO INSTRUCT THE
SHIP TO APPROACH DAMMAM, HE ALSO REITERATED THAT IT
MADE NO SENSE TO DO SO UNLESS BOTH (1) THE SAUDIS ARE
READY TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT INSPECTION AND (2) THE
U.S. CAN GUARANTEE THE UAE WILL ALLOW THE SHIP INTO
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OUT.

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